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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: M. HARIYA et al.  
Serial No.: 10/073,008  
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For: ANALYTICAL MODEL PREPARING METHOD AND  
ANALYTICAL MODEL PREPARING APPARATUS  
Group: 2123  
Examiner: L. Osborne

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

**MS AF**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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August 25, 2006

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated April 25, 2006, the period for reply thereto being extended one month by the attached Petition for Extension of Time to expire August 25, 2006, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.